CLAIMS:

1. An image processing apparatus comprising: central processing means for conducting operation control of the whole image processing apparatus:

setting means for storing control information specified by said central processing means;

clock generation means for generating a clock
having a basic period equivalent to that of a pixel or
less;

a plurality of variable frequency generation means for adjusting a frequency of the clock outputted from said clock generation means to a predetermined level independently of each other, based on the control information specified by said central processing means, said plurality of variable frequency generation means being provided respectively in association with a plurality of development colors;

image input connection means for receiving
predetermined data from an external device;

a plurality of image processing means for converting parallel image data inputted from said image input connection means to serial image data, based on a frequency of a clock outputted from associated one of said variable frequency generation means, said plurality of image processing means being provided respectively in association with a plurality of development colors; and

image output connection means for transferring the serial image data to an external device.

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setting means for storing control information specified by said central processing means;

clock generation means for generating a clock
having a basic period equivalent to that of a pixel or
less;

a plurality of variable frequency generation means for adjusting a frequency of the clock outputted from said clock generation means to a predetermined level independently of each other, based on the control information specified by said central processing means, said plurality of variable frequency generation means being provided respectively in association with development colors other than one predetermined color;

image input connection means for receiving
predetermined data from an external device;

a plurality of image processing means for converting parallel image data inputted from said image input connection means to serial image data, based on a frequency of the clock outputted from said clock generation means and a frequency of a clock outputted from associated one of said variable frequency generation means by taking the frequency of the clock output-

ted from the clock generation means as a reference, said plurality of image processing means being provided respectively in association with all development colors; and

 $\label{eq:mage_state} \mbox{image output connection means for transfer-} \\ \mbox{ring the serial image data to an external device.}$ 

3. An image processing apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said plurality of image processing means are adapted to conduct image data addition/ removal processing operation, and said central processing means has control information to control at least one of the processing operation of said plurality of image processing means and the frequency adjusting operation of said variable frequency generation means.